

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-31 are allowed.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-36 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-31 are allowed. Claims 1, 10, and 18, and 23 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 10, 18, and 23.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 32-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0099574 ("Cahill") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0161520 ("Dutta"). Claims 32-36 have been canceled by this reply. Thus, this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 03226/452002; P6353 CON).

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